

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hayes et al. ) Art Unit: 3725  
Serial No. 10/618,574 ) Examiner: Nguyen, Thukhanh  
Filed: 07/12/2003 ) T.  
For: Method and Apparatus for Forming )  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is response to the office action mailed December 12, 2008. Kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.